STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
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Honoring and Recognizing Compeer Buffalo

WHEREAS, mental health organizations are critical to our society, especially in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on our well-being; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death for people ages 10-34; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 5 adults in America experience a mental illness; and

WHEREAS, *Compeer* is a non-clinical social service agency that promotes mental wellness through the healing power of friendship; and

WHEREAS, mental health professionals work closely with local leaders, hospitals, and clinics to guide communities to improve overall mental health; and

WHEREAS, Compeer recruits, screens, and matches trained volunteers and mentors in one-to-one supportive friendship relationships with children, adults, military veterans and seniors who are striving for good mental health; and

WHEREAS, additionally, Compeer offers programs to create positive mental wellness including: mental health education, social activities, community group meetings with older adults and school-based mentoring; and

WHEREAS, today, we honor and recognize the importance of mental health organizations such as Compeer Buffalo and how their impact has changed the landscape in our community to improve the mental health of our most vulnerable community members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature expresses and celebrates mental health initiatives, campaigns and programs in raising awareness, improving the well-being of our local communities; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby recognizes all staff and volunteers at *Compeer Buffalo* as they continue to provide hope and positive reinforcement despite the challenges the COVID-19 pandemic, and create pathways towards mental health stability in Erie County.

Hon. Lisa M. Chimera	**Robert M. Graber**
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